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Correspondence,  
1932-1973

Box 7, Folder 4

June 10, 1958 -  
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10 June 1956

Dear Raf:

Thanks for your nice letter of May 27. I am sorry to hear that they have had to fold your job, but I am not surprised from the way that the budget and expenditure ceiling has been working. All things turn out for the best, however, and perhaps this will give you time to do some writing of your own. From your experiences and your work with the battle analysis, you could put out some short essays that would be most worth-while, and I hope you will.

I have certainly enjoyed this job out here; meeting the leaders of these nations has been a great education. A man whom I have enjoyed talking with is old Admiral Nomura. He has just written a very good article on Japanese Defense. He is a strong friend of the U.S. It has been great insight for me to visit each of these countries and find out at first-hand their attitudes and problems. Sometimes I think our State Department does not react fast enough to meet conditions. Some of them are just plain lazy.

I have no idea how much longer I will be here, and at the present time, no definite knowledge of where I will go. I have heard a faint rumor that I may end up in the Pentagon somewhere. Ruth is anxious to have me back, and I guess it is about time I paid her some personal attention. She has been doing quite well, but her condition has not significantly changed. She has a good nurse and has been well taken care of. It will do her good to have me back, and I hope this time we can move into quarters again where we can have adequate help.

I am enclosing a small picture which you might like to have. With it goes my best wishes for your continued good health and success. Please write to me whenever you feel like it. I had a nice long letter from Dick Conolly. He gave me his opinion on the reorganization with which I am in agreement. I think Mr. Vinson will see that the thing comes out about on the right track.

This is all for now. My warmest regards.

Sincerely,

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JOHN E. ROVENSKY  
CHAIRMAN  
(RETIRED)

June 11, 1958

Dear Batesy:

This is the first thank you letter I have written to anyone in years.

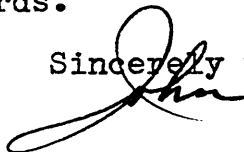
In the first place "thank you letters" have gone out of style and the second -- but more important -- case, your dinner last Saturday was one of the most pleasant affairs I have attended in a long time.

I was impressed by the many evidences of thorough planning; the excellent choice of guests; and last but not least - the excellent menu.

My conclusion is that you ought to quit the Naval War College and take charge of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel or some other hostelry of a size commensurate with your ability.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



Rear Adm. Richard W. Bates  
Naval War College,  
Newport, Rhode Island

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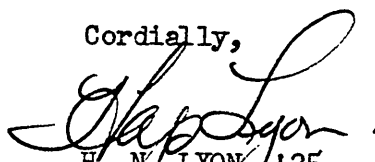
Commodore R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)  
Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

My dear Commodore:

Just a note to thank you for your many courtesies at the recent G. S. Discussions. My congratulations on that fine series of movie studies on the Battle of Savo Island. I would recommend some prints of that be made and lectures run country-wide through the entire Reserve of the Navy and Marine Corps. We will learn faster from our mistakes than from our victories.

Congratulations on the Honorary Degree conferred recently by Admiral Connolly. Your picture was in the Oakland Tribune and made a good spread.

Cordially,

  
H. N. LYON, '25  
Col., USMCR

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER  
U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL  
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

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18 June 1958

Commodore Richard W. Bates, USN (RADM RET.)  
Military Staff  
U. S. Naval War College  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Commodore Bates:


It has been brought to my attention that recently you were kind enough to send flowers to the hospital which were distributed within some of the wards for the pleasure of the patients.

Unfortunately, acknowledgment is tardy due to the inadvertent failure of Information Desk personnel on duty that night to mention the receipt of your flowers to cognizant persons.

Please accept the sincere thanks of our staff and patients for your thoughtfulness in remembering us in this manner. Flowers are greatly appreciated for they do so much to lend cheer with their beauty.

I do not believe I have yet had the pleasure of meeting you personally but hope I will have in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

  
E. B. COYLE  
CAPTAIN, MC, USN  
COMMANDING OFFICER

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Duke University  
DURHAM  
NORTH CAROLINA

VADA RALPH EARLE

20 June 1958

Office of the  
Business Manager and Comptroller  
Accounting Division

Dear Batsey:

Andrey & I are mighty sorry to hear that your Official jobs, & the important unofficial one, at Newport are about to secure.

The Navy needs you until your last "gasp", & your work will have - or should have - a lasting importance. Whereas such as I are already forgotten.

Now there will be no one to keep the Navy & the Bellvieu are crowd understanding each other.

I suppose you will either return to San Francisco or remain in Newport. Should you come South for a visit please remember to stop by to see Andrey & me.

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Thank you again for your many thoughtful businesses to us during our stay at the Naval Base. We just did not have the time or energy to pursue the more enjoyable opportunities.

The Academic life + surroundings here at Duke are very pleasant. I miss salt water + ships but am fortunate to have something to do. My small job keeps me busy.

Next month we hope to motor off to Mexico for a week's visit. Will be with Commodore Penn Carroll.

The best of good luck to you in your new activities.

Very Sincerely + Respectfully  
Ralph

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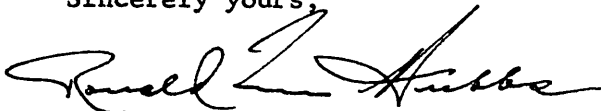
Dear Admiral Bates:

You may not remember the solemn duty that you imposed upon me, but I took it seriously, so I am happy to report to you that this morning I saw Mayor Peterson at a meeting and conveyed to him your greetings and best wishes. He was delighted to hear from you and recalled some of the pleasant hours he had spent with you. I am sure if you get tired of the Navy he would be delighted to make you Assistant Mayor!

My brief stay at the Naval War College was certainly an eventful one and especially highlighted by my opportunity to meet you. I hope some day we shall have the pleasure of seeing you in St. Paul.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Ronald M. Hubbs

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates  
c/o Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

June 23, 1958



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 23, 1958

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates  
Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral:

As directed in your letter of June 20th, we are sending one of our X965 Bowls to Miss Diana Stuart Day and are enclosing a card.

I don't remember anybody actually in P.T.'s by the name of Beatty but I do remember someone down in Washington who helped push my commission through in the early days of 1942 by this name.

I, also, note from our records that we have a charge going back to February for your account in the amount of \$27.91. We like to keep these accommodation accounts up to date so, if you could send us a check for this amount, it would be appreciated.

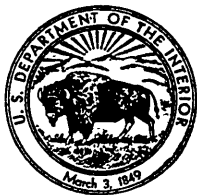
Very sincerely,

  
Roger H. Hallowell

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(Roger H. Hallowell)

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
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June 24, 1958

AIR MAIL

Commodore Richard W. Bates  
Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Commodore Bates:

Your name has been cited to me as that of a person who, as a naval historian, might enlighten me on two matters of possible common interest.

I should like to know the brief history and present status of the rank of Commodore in the U. S. Navy and the navies of the world. Is it true that you are the only Commodore presently on active duty in the U. S. Navy?

I am sure you know the legend of Elizabeth Island, where Drake is supposed to have made his first landfall beyond Cape Horn. Is it conceivable that Drake could have erred hundreds of miles in his navigation, and have any efforts been made to determine whether there is now a bank or shoal where Drake reported land?

With thanks in advance for any information you may give me on these questions,

Yours sincerely,

Preston E. Cloud, Jr.  
Chief, Paleontology and  
Stratigraphy Branch

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**UNITED STATES NAVY REPRESENTATIVE  
NATIONAL WEATHER RECORDS CENTER  
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IN REPLY REFER TO  
H4/3 (1709)  
Ser 2182  
30 June 1958

AIR MAIL

RADM R. W. Bates, U.S.N.(Ret.)  
Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates,

Your letters to Captain Drouilhet of 7 May 1958 and 6 June 1958 have been forwarded to this activity for action. These letters reference your current strategical and tactical analyses of the Battle for Leyte Gulf as Volume V. The carbon copy of Volume V forwarded as a separate enclosure (a) of your 6 June 1958 letter was received and marked as Volume IV. It is our belief that the references to Volume V were erroneous and that the identified Volume IV can be used for weather information for these diagrams as the text dates indicate.

We have completed and forwarded, under separate cover, in two parcels Air Mail Register Nos. 15478 and 15479 the following: (a) completed Diagrams B and C for the 24-hour periods on the 23rd and 24th; (b) ozalid reproduction of weather legend (with our samples of Zip-a-tone used); (c) typewritten sheets of compiled weather data for October 23rd and 24th; (d) a carbon copy of Volume IV, as completed to date; (e) a diagram (sample) for October 22nd from Volume III; which served as a guide; (f) completed tactical diagrams D through O. *Diagrams check* (7)

As per LT(JG) Feid's telephone conversation with you today, we have completed the tactical diagrams. The areas are described as "Line of squalls or individually reported squally and/or showery precipitation areas (Zip-a-tone No. 12)" and have been identified on the tactical charts. As LT(JG) Feid mentioned on the telephone, it would be necessary to add a note or comment to the finished chart indicating that the entire area encompassed by the tactical diagrams was an area of variable conditions (Zip-a-tone No. 3).

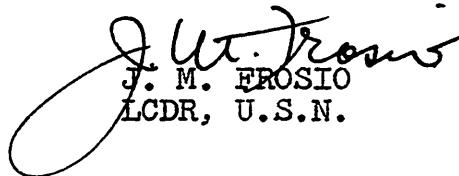
Enclosed herewith are a few extra sheets of each of the Zip-a-tone patterns used in completing the diagrams. Should it be necessary for your staff to use any more Zip-a-tone in the final preparation of these charts, we have some additional sheets of each on hand.

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H4/3(1709)  
Ser 2182  
30 June 1958

I hope that the completed diagrams are satisfactory and am very sorry for the delay, but the Zip-a-tone No. 70 we ordered priority from Washington 3 June, only arrived this morning.

Respectfully,

  
J. M. FROSIO  
LCDR, U.S.N.

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WAYNE FIELD  
PRESIDENT

July 1, 1958

Admiral R. W. Bates  
Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

Thank you so much for your fine letter of June 27.

I certainly would liked to have had the chance to be in with those Global Strategy groups. Sounds like a real important function.

I so enjoyed my trip to Pensacola a few years ago.

As a Past Commodore I'm on the Steering Committee but our new Commodore, Ellsworth Johnson, I know will do a terrific job. One of our Grand Marshalls this year is Vice President Nixon - so you see you can't get much higher. In addition to this we have a couple of television shows, Truth or Consequences and Dave Garroway's Today show. Sure wish you could be with us.

Enclosed please find a little reprint of my recent political escapade.

Sincerely



Wayne Field

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THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

P. KENNETH PETERSON  
MAYOR

July 2, 1958

Harold A. Kind  
SECRETARY TO THE MAYOR

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)  
Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

I appreciated receiving your recent letter, in which you pose the inquiry as to whether or not I received the chart which you were so good to make for this office. I want you to know that indeed I did receive it and was under the impression that I had written my thanks to you for it. As I think of it now, however, I believe I acknowledged the earlier one which I received and which you ought to know is beautifully mounted in a special room given over to military achievements of this city, located in our new Historical Society Building.

The one you had made for me hangs very prominently on my wall and is the object of a great deal of interest to all who come to this office. In addition, I have the picture of the ship which I have offered to the Historical Society. You will be interested to know also that we dedicated the building in connection with our Centennial Statehood Day on May 11 and the USS Minneapolis received a great deal of interested comment.

It is almost ~~2~~ years now since you served as our Grand Marshal for the Minneapolis Aquatennial. On July 18 we will once more commence our annual celebration and, on this occasion, you will be interested to know that the Vice-President of the United States is to be the Grand Marshal; and only recently we have made efforts to have the Prime Minister of Canada as the Grand Marshal of the night parade. Nothing would please us more than to have you with us again this year and, if by any chance your duties might take you into this part of the country, please consider this a personal invitation for a "homecoming" this year.

I did receive your greetings via Mr. Ronald Hubbs of St. Paul. Naturally, I was both pleased and surprised and it is my hope that at some future date I can attend a similar seminar on Global Strategy. As it happens, on August 20 I had originally scheduled a trip to Europe but have decided to delay that project for another year. In the event there is some Naval War College Activity commencing on or about that time and running through Labor Day, it may be that I could consider attending such a session. However, I would suggest your not going to any great length other than to make that inquiry.

As for your being Assistant Mayor, believe me I could use one and Minneapolis would indeed be fortunate if it could have such a person as you to serve as its Mayor. My wife Jean has just called and wanted me to be sure to remember her to you. You will be interested to know that we have had another addition to

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Rear Admiral R. W. Bates

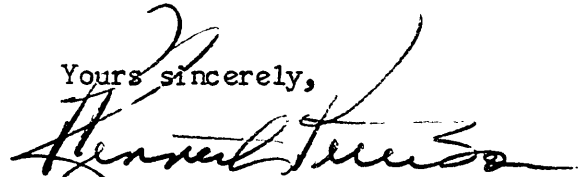
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July 2, 1958

our family. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a picture taken ten days after her birth. Naturally, we are very delighted with her and are looking forward to many happy years together.

I trust our paths will cross again soon and I repeat my invitation to return to Minneapolis at your earliest opportunity and, if possible, at the time of our Aquatennial.

Yours sincerely,



P. Kenneth Peterson  
MAYOR

PKP:rlf

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P.O. Box 192,  
Pebble Beach, Calif.  
18 July 1958.

Dear Rafe —

We were glad to get your letter of June 27<sup>th</sup> with its news of Newport, but were sorry to hear that your office was being closed out. We left the War College to come out to California ten years ago the first of this month, and ever since then our ties with the W.W.C. have been getting more and more slender. When you leave, I think they will be broken entirely.

Bob Webber had been in to see us a couple of times when he had been making trips down from his seminary to Pacific Grove. He seemed very happy with the work he was doing and was looking forward to his full ordination to the priesthood and the celebration of his first mass in June. This was to take place in a church in Seattle — not Spokane as originally announced — and Hoke and Margaret Smith were going to the service. The power of religious belief is a very strong force in this world, but it does not always lead to peace and good order, as witness the state of the world to-day.

Margaret and I spent the last ten days of May in Seattle with the Smiths and touring through Washington and British Columbia with them in their car. We had a wonderful trip and enjoyed every minute of it. Hoke had planned everything and did the driving. We flew up to

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Seattle and back.

Our Navy colony in these parts is growing. In addition to Swede and Judge (the latter now up in Sheeta County for six months), we now have Henry Balsley and Hugh Goodwin and Jimmy Irish. The Goodwins built, but the others bought.

At the moment our son Edward's two children are with us. They flew on from Washington a month ago to await their parents, who hope to arrive here early in August en route to Pearl Harbor. I wonder if Edward's detachment may be held up because of the current trouble in Lebanon. In addition, one of Margaret's sisters is with us for a short visit from Indianapolis, but she is leaving in the next few days. Gerald and Helen Keith are back home now after an extended trip driving east.

We shall be hoping to see you when, and if, you get out this way next fall. This is a fine area in which to live, so don't scratch it off your list until you have a chance to look it over. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Raymond Spruance